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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL TURNER AND AWAC'S

1. LUCY BENSON HAS HAD A PRELIMINARY FILL-IN ON THE PRESIDENT'S NOON MEETING AUGUST 23 WITH ADMIRAL TURNER. ACCORDING TO LUCY'S SOURCE, TURNER HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND (UGH) ON THE AWAC'S GENERAL SECURITY AND ENCIPHERMENT ISSUES.

2. AS FAR AS THE SECURITY RISK IS CONCERNED, TURNER CONCEDED THAT SUCH RISKS HAVE TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE BENEFITS OF THE SALE. HE ALSO CONCEDED THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ZERO RISK BUT THAT THE ASSURANCES HAVE REDUCED THE RISK, AND HE IS SATISFIED WITH THEM. AS TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE BENEFITS OUTWEIGH THE RISK, TURNER SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS UP TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND HE WOULD DEFER TO THEM.

3. TURNER'S CONCERN ABOUT THE ENCIPHERMENT GEAR HAS BEEN
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TAKEN CARE OF BY THE PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSION WITH HIM OF THIS ISSUE. TURNER NOW CONSIDERS IT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE AWAC'S FOR IRAN TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A COMMERCIAL VERSION.

4. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE KEPT VERY CLOSE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TURNER WRITES ANOTHER LETTER TO THE GAO.

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